

Please amend the application filed on March 21, 2005 prior to proceeding with its examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-16, inclusive, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 17-34, as follows.

17. (New) A greeting card that is capable of retaining an article there within and which, together with said article, is intended to be given by the owner of same to someone else as a unitary item, said article being later separable from said greeting card, said greeting card including:

a first leaf;

a second leaf, and

an expandable receptacle having a mouth through which the article to be retained may pass and a cavity located behind said mouth that is adapted to receive the article, said receptacle being located intermediate and connected to both said first leaf and said second leaf, whereby said first leaf is capable of hinge like movement relative to said second leaf between a closed position, wherein the two leaves overlie one another in a manner that at least partially closes said mouth, and an open position, wherein the two leaves are splayed apart thereby opening said mouth and enabling the article to pass through said mouth if so desired.

18. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 17, wherein said two leaves and said receptacle are of unitary construction.

19. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein said two leaves and said receptacle are constructed from a single piece of cardboard.

20. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 17, wherein said receptacle includes two opposing jaws that are hingedly connected together by a common web and wherein each jaw includes one or more wall portions that when combined define a cavity that is adapted to receive the article.

21. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein said receptacle includes two opposing jaws that are hingedly connected together by a common web and wherein each jaw includes one or more wall portions that when combined define a cavity that is adapted to receive the article.

22. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 19, wherein said receptacle includes two opposing jaws that are hingedly connected together by a common web and wherein each jaw includes one or more wall portions that when combined define a cavity that is adapted to receive the article.

23. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 20, wherein said mouth is defined by the gap separating opposing wall portions of said respective two jaws remote from said web.

24. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 20, wherein said web resembles a spring and is adapted to urge the aforementioned opposing wall portions of said receptacle together such that they close about the article.

25. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 21, wherein said web resembles a spring and is adapted to urge the aforementioned opposing wall portions of said receptacle together such that they close about the article.

26. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 22, wherein said receptacle comprises a thin walled piece of moulded cardboard having a generally "C" shaped transverse cross-section

which is permitted to flex generally along an axis of symmetry.

27. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 23, wherein the article is a candle.

28. (New) A greeting card including:

a candle;

a first leaf;

a second leaf, and

an expandable receptacle having a mouth through which said candle may pass and a cavity located behind said mouth that is adapted to receive said candle, said receptacle being located intermediate and connected to both said first leaf and said second leaf, whereby said first leaf is capable of hinge like movement relative to said second leaf between a closed position, wherein the two leaves overlie one another in a manner that at least partially closes said mouth, and an open position, wherein the two leaves are splayed apart thereby opening said mouth and enabling said candle to pass through said mouth if so desired.

29. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 25, wherein said two leaves and said receptacle are of unitary construction.

30. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 26, wherein said two leaves and said receptacle are constructed from a single piece of cardboard.

31. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 27 wherein said receptacle includes two opposing jaws that are hingedly connected together by a common web and wherein each jaw includes one or more wall portions that when combined define a cavity that is adapted to receive said candle.

32. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 28, wherein said mouth is defined by

the gap separating opposing wall portions of said respective two jaws remote from said web.

33. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 29, wherein said web resembles a spring and is adapted to urge the aforementioned opposing wall portions of said receptacle together such that they close about said candle.

34. (New) A greeting card as claimed in claim 30, wherein said receptacle comprises a thin walled piece of moulded cardboard having a generally "C" shaped transverse cross-section which is permitted to flex generally along an axis of symmetry.